



News from your local councillor

Cr Tracey Huges

Division 8: Birkdale/Alexandra Hills/Capalaba/Wellington Point



Summer 2022



Dear resident,

The importance of knowing your neighbours has never been more important as our coming summer season is predicted to be very wet and, over the past few years, we have had close to 600 new residents move into Division 8.

I have been delighted to meet so many new young families and strengthening our close-knit community with new friendships will be so valuable as we look out for each other and particularly support our most vulnerable older residents.

To ensure you can be best prepared for storm season, there is a quick guide on the back of this newsletter or you can go to disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

As we draw closer to Christmas, we have an abundance of community markets for local and handmade gifts, so if you are able to support our talented artisans please do so. I am always so thankful for their skills and encourage you all to buy local where possible.

For those who may be in need of a little extra support over Christmas and getting children back to school next year, our extensive care networks are there for you.

Please reach out and let me know and I will support you in finding a smile and extra-cheerful hand up.

We welcomed baby Max, our first grandchild, into our family in May and this will be his first Christmas. The joy of sharing and caring for each other is the heart of families and I hope that you are able to enjoy that extra special hug with those you love and who unconditionally love you right back ... and maybe even get to have an exciting holiday! To each and every family, blessings to you.

During the holiday period, Council offices will close from 4.30pm on Friday 23 December 2022 and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. If you need urgent assistance for an issue that may pose an immediate risk to Council's services and significantly impact residents' amenity or capacity to access services, then please call our main number 3829 8999 and stay on the line to be redirected to the after-hours service as we will have crews on call.

Please contact me on 0427 734 214 if I can support you in any way. I am always



MERRY CHRISTMAS: Best wishes from my family to yours.

available to you and it is truly my privilege to advocate for you. I am also a Justice of the Peace if you need assistance. I wish you all a Merry Christmas as we look forward to a fantastic and exciting New Year.

T. Huges.

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Welcome upgrades for local parks

Residents may see works progressing in a couple of our local parks over the next few weeks.

The Bailey Road Park basketball court at Birkdale is about to become twice as good, with the existing bitumen half-basketball court to be replaced with a full-sized court, including handball line marking.

Birkdale's Goodge Court Park is also getting a makeover, with existing play equipment that has reached the end of its lifespan being replaced with new play equipment, including a toddler unit, springer, climbing trail unit and double swing, seating and shade sails.

The work at both of these parks is expected to be completed about mid-December, all going well.

These will be welcome improvements, making these spaces more attractive to local youngsters and families.



UPGRADE: The basketball half-court at Bailey Road Park, Birkdale, will soon become a full court.

PLAY TIME: Examples of the new play equipment for Birkdale's Goodge Court Park.



GET READY FOR THE SUMMER STORM SEASON

Are you ready for this year's summer storms?

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting above-average rainfall for spring and possibly into summer so now is the perfect time to ensure you, your home and your business are prepared for extreme weather.

The Get Ready Queensland campaign can be broken down to three simple steps: understand your risk, prepare a household emergency plan, and pack an emergency kit.

There are a number of things residents can do to prepare their homes for storm season:

- Clean gutters and downpipes so stormwater can drain quickly, but don't use a high-pressure water blaster on asbestos roofs
- Secure loose items around your property and garden (sheets of tin, trampolines)
- Have tarps available to use with sandbags if you are in an area prone to flooding
- Trim trees and overhanging branches around your property (check with Council first and be mindful of power lines)
- Install metal screens or shutters to prepare your home against embers
- Ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimize fire risk
- Make sure pumps or generators are working and ready if needed.

Council maintains a dedicated Redlands Coast Disaster Dashboard that provides practical information on preparing for, responding to and recovering from disaster.

This webpage is continually updated during a disaster with vital information on road closures, emergency contacts, Energex power outages, active evacuation centres and weather warnings.

Council also has an opt-in emergency notification messaging service – and residents can sign up to receive weather warnings, community alerts and flooded road notifications.

Council to livestream all statutory meetings

- Residents will be able to see their Council in action more easily from 2023, when all statutory meetings will be livestreamed. This will eliminate geographic and social barriers which may prevent people from attending meetings. From January next year, our meetings will still be uploaded to the website but you will also be able to watch proceedings as they are occurring on line.
- More details will be provided ahead of the first meeting for 2023 on Wednesday 25 January.



REDLAND BAY: Our local site for disposing of unwanted paint.

What to do with paint

While Birkdale Recycling and Waste Centre is not able to take unwanted paint, residents can dispose of it free of charge at the Redland Bay Recycling and Waste Centre or at the Chandler Resource Recovery Centre on Tilley Road, Chandler, at the designated Paintback drop-off locations.

Paintback has confirmed it is currently not able to expand the service to include Birkdale and I encourage residents who need to dispose of larger amounts of paint to take advantage of the Paintback service, which takes unwanted paint and packaging and responsibly disposes of it. By doing so, you are diverting this harmful waste from landfill and helping to protect our naturally wonderful environment. There is a limit on the amount that will be accepted, with a maximum of 100 litres per visit in containers of 20 litres or less.

However, if you have a small amount of unwanted paint, it can be solidified by adding materials such as kitty litter, sand or newspaper. Once dry, it can be scraped out onto old newspaper and placed in your household general waste bin along with the empty paint tin.

Accepted paint types include:

- Deck coatings and floor paints
- Interior and exterior architectural paint
- Packaging
- Primers
- Sealers
- Stains and shellacs
- Undercoats
- Varnishes and urethanes (single components)
- Wood coatings

Council does not pay for the disposal of paint through the Paintback scheme as it is funded through a Product Stewardship Scheme.

For further information on the types of paint accepted and how paint and packaging is recycled, visit www.paintback.com.au



CHANDLER: The Paintback drop-off point at Tilley Road, Chandler.

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